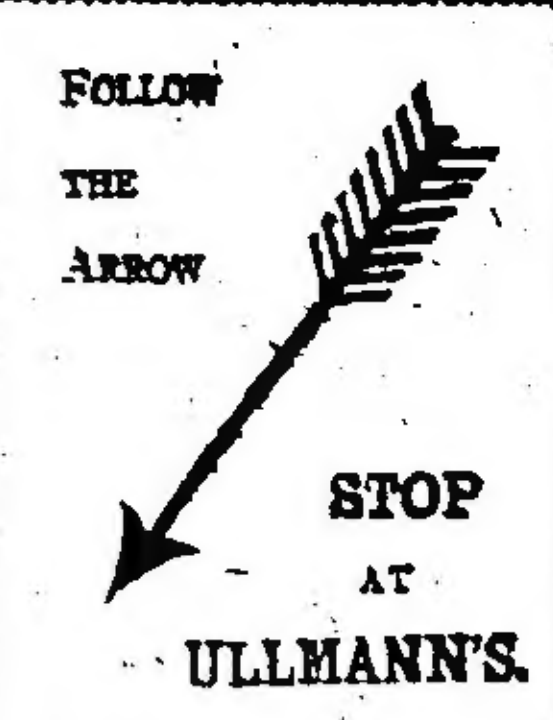


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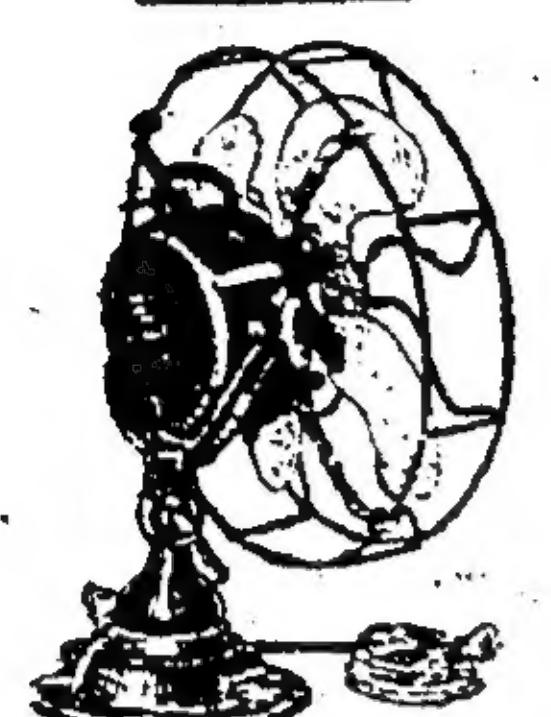


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CHINA'S ASPIRATIONS.

CHINESE LEGATION REPLIES TO MISLEADING STATEMENTS.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S INVITATION PROBLEM.

LONDON, July 17.

The Chinese Legation in London, referring to misleading statements with regard to China which appeared in the British Press on July 18, states with regard to the alleged lack of public interest in China in the developments following President Harding's invitation to a Pacific conference, that the Legation has received innumerable telegrams from private bodies in all parts of China during the past month pleading for China's rights and the cause of good Chinese and British understanding in connection with the question of renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. It was wrong to suppose that the Chinese would be less thankful than the citizens of other countries or less willing to express gratification at the chance now given to cement world peace. With regard to the statements concerning political unrest in China, the Legation emphasises the very great handicaps which the Chinese must overcome before complete reform of administration is accomplished. It declares that the Chinese rely largely on the sympathy and friendship of western peoples for progress and solution of difficulties, and heartily formed opinions unnecessarily discourage them in the difficult task of building up a stable republic.

COLONIAL OFFICE CONFERENCE.

EMPIRE AIR COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSED.

INDIAN EMIGRATION

LONDON, July 17.

The Colonial Office announces that a special conference was held at the Colonial Office on July 15, Mr. Winston Churchill presiding. Messrs. Hughes and Massey, General Smuts, Messrs. Ballantyne, Smart, Montagu, Maharaja Chitch, and Mr. Sastri were present. The conference discussed the position of British Indians in the morning and air communications in the afternoon. It passed a resolution in favour of the appointment of a committee representing the governments concerned to report first on the cost of erecting masts and providing bases for fuel supplies to keep up the commissioning and operating of the existing fleet of airships for purposes of imperial air communications with special reference to routes between England, India, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and secondly on services by means of aeroplanes.

BRITAIN PAID \$32,688,000.

AMERICA'S WAR TRANSPORTATION CHARGES SETTLED.

WASHINGTON, July 17.

The Treasury has paid the British Shipping Ministry \$32,688,000 in settlement of all transportation charges arising from the war.

RUSSIAN HARVEST FAILS.

MILLIONS FACED WITH STARVATION.

BERLIN, July 17.

The famous poet Hauptmann has received a telegram from Maxim Gorky stating that owing to the failure of the harvest in Russia millions are faced with death from starvation and urgently appealing to Europe and America to send food and drugs to Russia.

SUBMARINE MURDERERS.

"A SHADOW ON THE WHOLE GERMAN NAVY."

LIPZIG, July 17.

In sentencing Dittmar and Boldt (mentioned in our earlier cables) the President of the court said that penal servitude was not inflicted as the prisoners were found guilty of manslaughter, not of murder. He deplored the action of the accused as casting a shadow on the whole German navy.

RUSSIAN HUMOURS.

GENERAL MOBILISATION REPORTED.

HELSINKI, July 17.

It is semi-officially stated that it is reliably learned that the Soviet Government has ordered a general mobilisation in Russia either against Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania or to support the Kemalists against the Greeks.

LONG DROUGHT BREAKING.

RAIN FALLS IN A NUMBER OF PLACES IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, July 17.

The long drought appears to be breaking. Rain has fallen in a number of places in Britain. Unsettled weather is predicted, storms also, in many districts of France.

60-YEAR OLD P.E.R. MARRIES.

PROSPECTIVE B-IDE AGED 33 YEARS.

NEW YORK, July 17.

Lord Queensborough, a 60-year-old gentleman is marrying Miss Edith Miller of New York who is 33.

INDIA BEATS FRANCE IN PARIS MATCH.

PARIS, July 17.

In the Davis Cup doubles Fyzen and Deneke (India) beat Lacombe and Brugnon (France) 6-1, 5-7, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

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PRISONER'S STRANGE PREFERENCE.

"It would be better to hang me" was the comment made by a Chinese named Wu Sun at the Criminal Sessions to-day on receiving at the hands of the acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) a sentence of five years' jail, with hard labour which had been imposed upon him in connection with a charge of robbery.

The jury investigating the case was composed of—Messrs. C. M. Soares (foreman), A. H. de Carvalho, Yeung No, J. M. da Rocha, A. B. Crapnell, Wang Tak Kwong and W. Thomas.

The Crown prosecutor (Mr. A. H. Wakeman) had charge of the Crown case, the prisoner being unrepresented by counsel.

The evidence disclosed that on June 9, Fan Fook, a vegetable gardener who lives in a matshed at Chai Wan was awakened at night by the sound of somebody forcing his door. Then the door was burst open and four men, one of whom was the prisoner, entered the matshed and tied up Fan Fook and another man who lived there with him. The men carried torches and daggers and three of them wore masks. They thoroughly ransacked the place and took away with them a quantity of clothing, some rice and a few copper cents. Fan Fook reported the matter to the police and later Wu Sun was arrested and identified as one of the robbers.

At the Magisterial hearing Wu Sun contended that it was a case of mistaken identity and he put forward the same defence this morning. There were many Chinese, he told the Judge, who bore features like his. Besides that one of the witnesses was an old enemy of his and had, he urged, brought forward a false charge against him.

The witness in question denied the truth of this and the jury, by a five to two majority, returned a verdict of guilty.

When His Honour imposed a sentence of five years' imprisonment with hard labour Wu Sun expressed a desire to be heard. He had nothing to do with the robbery, he pointed out, and yet he had been sentenced to five years' jail. "It would be better," he declared, "to hang me than sentence me."

His Honour reminded Wu Sun that he stood a chance, if he behaved himself, of having some of his sentence remitted. "Tell him," the Judge instructed the interpreter "that if he behaves himself properly in prison and conducts himself quietly and respectfully he may get remission of his sentence at the rate of four months in each year."

Wu Sun was not entirely satisfied and was conveying a further statement to the interpreter when His Honour interrupted. "I think that will do," the Judge said and so Wu Sun was led away to the cells.

PAINTERS' DISPUTE.

ALLEGED INTIMIDATION.

Arising out of the wages dispute in which local painters demand a uniform 30 per cent. increase, a Chinese appeared at the City Police Court this morning charged with having threatened a paint scraper in Hongkong.

Inspector Aris, who prosecuted, said that the complainant and the defendant were both members of the paint scrapers' guild. On July 14, defendant was alleged to have stopped and threatened the complainant who was on his way to work for a certain contractor whom the guild had boycotted. The case was adjourned until July 27. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$250.

TYPHO WARNING.

The telegrams quoted below were received by the U.S. Consul from the Manila Observatory at

8 p.m. July 16, 1921.
Typhoon in view 130 m.p.h. Long E. 12 deg. Lat. N. almost stationary. 10 a.m. July 17, 1921.
Typhoon in view 128 m.p.h. Long E. 12 deg. Lat. N. moving W. 9.45 a.m. July 18, 1921.
Typhoon in view 127 m.p.h. Long E. 12 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W. 11.15 a.m. July 18, 1921.
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TAYLOR—On July 18, at French Hospital, Causeway Bay, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, a daughter.
ROSS—On July 10, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. George Ross, a son.
MOHR—On July 10, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Loch, a daughter.

DEATH.

MARQUES—On July 11, 1921, at Shanghai, Anna Josefa Marques, age 76.
ANGUS—Suddenly, at Rode Janeiro, David Cathid Angus, late of Yokohama and Shanghai.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 18, 1921.

RENT CONTROL BILL TO-DAY.

By the time this issue of the China Mail is in your hands, you should know the fate of the Rents Controlling Bill. It is, writing on the morning of the great debate, almost a comfort to reflect that we are still under the old dispensation, by which the Government has power to take its own way whatever happens. Not, you will observe, "regardless of opposition." If there were any doubt of the truth of the general proposition that our Government takes cognizance of public opinion, the amendments to its Bill, made in response to public

criticism, and voluntarily put forward in the Gazette ahead of the debate, would dispose of it. There has been a great deal of ostensible criticism that the Government has ignored, and rightly ignored; but all the serious objections seem to have been met in one way or another. The enormous numbers of Chinese tenants paying the Government to carry on must have impressed our officials very much. They, with others, may have been misled for a long time into thinking that the usual spokesmen for the Chinese community did really represent it. They should know better now. It is amusing to note that Mr. Lau Cha Pak "deplored the friction" between landlords and tenants, as if it were something that this Bill had originated. It is a curious thing that the very first people to preach the virtue of "pulling together," in unity and harmony and so on, should always be the people who are most conspicuously intent on pulling everything their own way. Although there are Chinese house-owners whom their tenants regard with almost affectionate respect, it now appears that next to the big companies, such as the Land Investment Company, the Chinese landlords have been as oppressive as any. The debates at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the views of those wealthy Chinese whom the Government has been counting upon to keep it informed as to the needs of the community, show that the bulk of our Chinese population requires fairer and less self-interested representation. As the Morning Post very justly pointed out this morning, this Bill was not framed to hit the just landlord nor the honest middleman. The more strenuously, therefore, that some landlords fight it, the more should their sense of justice come under suspicion. Mr. Lau Cha Pak's censure of the Chinese tenants' admirable activities reminds us rather of the protests of the Germans against our conduct of the war.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of plague, Chinese, and one case of diphtheria, British, were notified on Friday.

To-morrow afternoon a consignment of white goods will be sold by Messrs Hughes and Hough who will also hold a furniture sale.

Certain Chinese and American silk merchants have proposed to establish a Raw Silk Investigation Bureau in Shanghai, with a capital of \$500,000.

President Manuel L. Queson and party from Manila called on President Sun Yat Sen at Canton on Friday and gave generous contributions to the Women's Relief Society.

To-morrow morning Messrs. Lammet Bros. will auction a quantity of round, square and flat iron bars, steel plates, angle iron, rivets, tinplates, brass-ware, also a quantity of miscellaneous goods.

Two Chinese who had been detained in Hongkong since May 9 pending the arrival of extradition papers from Bangkok in connection with the misappropriation of \$10,000 from a jewellery shop were released on Saturday by order of Magistrate Orme who said it would be extremely unfair to detain them any longer.

An attempt by a couple of Chinese to pierce 20 fathoms of rope from a P. and O. Lighter in Yau-mai early on Friday morning was observed by the crew who handled the men so severely that they had to be sent to hospital. The rope was afterwards recovered from a sampan whose mistress is to be presented at the Police Court on July 21.

It is reported that the claims for damages arising from the Wuchang mutiny amount to \$3,400,000. This sum, owing presumably to exaggeration on the part of many of the claimants, is believed to be considerably above the real mark, which probably does not exceed \$2,500,000. The total number of people killed during the mutiny is now estimated at 50, of whom several were women and girls who committed suicide upon hearing that the soldiers were out at large.

The total amount of Chinese deposits in the Banque Industrielle, writes a Northern paper, is over \$11,000,000. An extraordinary high interest was allowed to the sums deposited, most people had transferred their deposits from other banks in the City with the confidence that this foreign bank would never fail them. General Chen Kuang-yuan, Tuchun of Kiangsi, is the biggest Chinese depositor; he has an amount of several millions of dollars in the vaults of this bank.

A pretty wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on July 9, when Mr. G. M. James was married to Miss Doris Jen Lent, of New York. The Rev. C. E. Spencer, Sub-Dean officiated, and Mr. E. P. Graham Barrow gave the bride away. The service was fully choral and was held in the presence of a large number of friends. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. James will spend their honeymoon at Hangchow.

Does the firing of big guns cause such a change in atmospheric conditions as to produce heavy rainfall? This is the question that naval men in Japan to-day are discussing as the result of a protest made by the citizens of Beppu, against the naval manoeuvres being held in the vicinity of the city. They maintain that the constant gun-firing has led to very heavy rainfall and has damaged their crops. The authorities do not agree that the discharge of big guns is the cause of heavy rain.

Public support is sought by an advertisement in this issue for the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the objects of which are set forth as follows:—(1) The education of the people by propaganda etc., in the knowledge of the proper treatment of Dumb Animals. (2) The appointment of a paid inspector to supervise the work. (3) The possibility of taking over and running the Dogs Home. (4) The provision of drinking troughs for dogs in different parts of the Colony.

Mr. Robert Buchanan, general manager of the Asia Banking Corporation, was married at Shanghai, last week, to Miss Lucile Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Everett, Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., H.B.M.'s Consul-General, official. Among those present were Mr. E. S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General, Mrs. E. D. Christie (matron of honour) in peach-coloured Georgette crepe, the Misses Gladys E. Mynn, Emma Denegri and Ruth Weiss (bridesmaids) in orange of different shades of orchid; Mr. L. R. Andrews (best man); and Mr. J. B. Crow; Major Enzo Christieson and Mr. M. E. Mullen (ushers). The newly married couple left for the United States on the P.M.S. "Golden State." They intend to remain in New York for some time and later to go to Scotland to visit the bridegroom's family. In due course they will return to the East and make their future home in Shanghai.

LOCAL POST OFFICE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

INTERESTING DETAILS.

The report of the Postmaster General, Mr. A. J. Reed, on the General Post Office for the year 1920 is as follows:—

STAFF.
Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster General, went on long leave on May 6, and was succeeded by Mr. M. J. Brown. The post of Assistant Postmaster General remained vacant from May 6, to the end of the year.

Mr. A. J. Reed, the Accountant, resumed duty, on return from long leave on April 7.

The post of Postal Inspector was abolished on August 1, when Mr. R. C. Watt returned to the Police Department. The duties of the post have since been carried on by Mr. T. M. Perpetuo, 1st Grade Clerk.

Mr. C. J. Poole, Supervisor, was promoted to the vacant post of Superintendent Registration and Parcels Branch on October 1. The post of Supervisor is still vacant.

During the year the changes amongst the Clerical Staff were one clerk invalided from the Service, three dismissals, nine resignations and three transferred to other Departments.

MAILS.

The number of mail bags and packets despatched from Hongkong during the year amounted to 171,154 as against 144,592 in 1919, an increase of 26,562; the number received was 169,107 as against 134,754, an increase of 34,353.

The number of mail bags and packets sent in transit through the Colony amounted to 107,882 as against 90,428 in 1919, an increase of 17,454.

Bags and baskets in transit amounted to 16,046 as against 10,169, an increase of 5,877.

4,956 steamers carrying mails arrived, and 6,394 left in 1920 as against 4,549 and 6,463 respectively in 1919.

REGISTRATION AND PARCELS.

Registered and insured articles handled by the General Post Office amounted to 1,083,606, as against 555,535 in 1919, an increase of 128,071.

Full details appear in Table II.

Parcels, ordinary and insured, handled by the Post Office, amounted to 237,442 as compared with 219,143 in the previous year, an increase of 68,299.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total revenue from the Postal Service in 1920 amounted to \$526,122.08 an increase on the previous year of \$76,065.33. The expenditure for 1920 amounted to \$229,378.70.

The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$296,743.28.

The increase of revenue from the sale of postage stamps in the year 1920 over that of 1919 amounted to \$62,026.19.

MONEY ORDERS.

The high exchange value of the Hongkong dollar in 1920 is reflected in the increase in Money Orders issued in Hongkong for payment in Gold using countries. This increase in respect of Money Orders issued on the United Kingdom amounted to £15,498 largely on account of remittances home by members of H. M. Forces.

Consequently the amount of inward Money Orders received for payment was adversely affected by exchange, though a considerable increase in Money Orders from Canada has to be noted, due to the high premium charged by Canadian Banks in Hongkong. The Chinese residents in that country anticipating a falling dollar consequently preferred to remit by Money Order and thus secure the benefit of the lower exchange ruling when the order reached Hongkong.

The total volume of Money Order transactions in 1920 resulted in an increase of \$33,948.42 in comparison with a corresponding increase of £10,109.130 in 1919.

Outward telegraphic Money Orders have similarly increased, viz.—91 orders amounting to £1,654 against 89 orders for £721 in 1919. The inward orders amounted to £320,166 in 1920 against £403,536 in the previous year but the number of orders were the same, i.e., 15 in number.

An increase is shown in the sales of British Postal Orders, but a decrease in payment, viz.—£3,478 and £3,341 respectively. Local Postal Notes are coming into public favour as a means of making remittances to Macao as they can be more easily cashed than Money Orders. An increase of \$8,000 is shown under this head in 1920.

CHINESE CORRESPONDENCE.

Chinese Delivery Section, General Post Office.

During the year this section handled 2,151,682 ordinary letters, 98,643 other articles, and 7,449 postal bags packets as against 2,066,899 ordinary letters, 93,097 other articles and 6,940 postal bags packets in 1919.

The registered articles delivered amounted to 307,065 of which 197,930 were from the United States of America, and 109,125 from China and other countries showing an increase of 37,857 as compared with 269,198 in 1919. 3,144 insured letters were dealt with as against 2,745 in 1919.

HAINAN NEWS.

KCCHOW CITY LOOTED.

(From a Correspondent.)

KUANGCHOW, July 13.
Recent well-authenticated rumours seem to indicate that the Cantonese forces have sustained severe reverse in the region of Pakhoi and the Luk chow peninsula. For one thing, two junk loads of defeated and retreating Cantonese soldiers were driven by the troops of July 6 and 7 into White Horse Well Harbour near Tamchow Cui, having come from the region of Pakhoi. Pakhoi is said to have been captured, also Lukchow City and Kowchow City, and the last mentioned place is said also to have been badly looted. However, these two cities were recently retaken. Rumour also has it that General Teng Yun Eng, commander of the Cantonese forces in Hainan, not long ago sent an expedition to the rescue of Pakhoi but the ships returned because the place had already been captured and it was impossible to make a landing.

The total number of Chinese private boxes for which licences were issued during the year was 304, an increase of 7 as compared with 297 in 1919.

The licences of 22 Chinese Postal Bongs were renewed, the same number as in 1919.

TELEGRAPH SUB-DEPARTMENT.

The revenue collected during the year from radio-telegrams amounted to \$14,591.73 an increase of \$4,241.70 on the amount collected in 1919. Advances of vessels amounted to the light-houses yielded \$581.20 making a total of \$15,172.93 from the Telegraph Service. Expenditure amounted to \$39,335.15.

The Telegraph Service was worked at a loss of \$24,162.22.

The number of radio-telegrams forwarded during the year was 1,965 consisting of 25,221 words against 1,118 with 15,577 words in 1919 and 5,305 were received consisting of 75,007 words as against 2,825 with 38,191 words in 1919.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The mail contract with the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services expired in 1920, but the outward service from Hongkong was maintained by the administration pending the conclusion of a new agreement. By arrangement with the Washington Postal A. authorities commercial correspondence between Hongkong and the larger American cities is now transmitted direct by the United States Postal Aeroplane Service between Victoria B.C. and Seattle, Washington.

The English Mail to the Colony was transmitted throughout the year via Bombay, Negapatam and Singapore, and was despatched every Thursday from London with the regular Indian Mail scheduled to reach Bombay in 14 days.

This arrangement though admirable in respect of regularity and speed, proved unsatisfactory in one respect. As the Negapatam-Penang service is bi-weekly a delay in the initial stage to Bombay entails the loss of the connection from Negapatam onwards and therefore a further delay of at least 3 days. During the early portion of the year failures to maintain the schedule were not infrequent and at the instance of the Chamber of Commerce strong representations were made to the British Postal Authorities. However as a larger complement of fast vessels became available for the London-Bombay service a considerable improvement was effected. The Straits Settlements Postal Administration have also assisted by undertaking to intercept Hongkong and transit it by rail in Singapore; and thence by the first available steamer to Hongkong.

Arrangements were made with the Peninsular and Oriental and Blue Funnel Companies for the despatch of parcel mails to the United Kingdom by those Companies' ships and the service now assured is practically a weekly one.

The privilege of free postal facilities granted during the War to H.M. Naval and Military Forces was withdrawn in 1920.

A Money Order Agreement between this Colony and the Chinese Post Office came into force on January 1st, 1920. The agreement provides for the exchange of Money Order transactions through the intermediary of Hongkong between China and Foreign countries.

The first post-war Postal Congress was held at Madrid in October, 1920. Considerable increases of postal rates were authorised to meet the universal increase in expenditure and the depreciation of currencies. As no official notification of the postal policy to be adopted by the United Kingdom or the British Empire was communicated to this Administration no action was taken during the year in the revision of the Colony's postal rates.

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THE SEAMY SIDE.

SORDID STORIES TOLD.

AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

CHINESE STABBING CASE.

Glimpses of the seamy side of Chinese life in Hongkong were provided by two cases heard at the Criminal Sessions to-day in which the accused were charged with having stabbed Chinese women.

A Chinese named Ip Kam Pui was presented on an indictment alleging that he wounded a woman named Chan Ying with intent to do grievous bodily harm or, alternatively, maliciously.

The Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) presided at the hearing and the following were members of the jury:—Messrs. A. C. Franklin (foreman), J. A. B. Silva, J. F. Anderson, D. P. J. Lopes, H. J. Koch, A. Mendes, and A. Allison.

Mr. F. Dyer Ball conducted the Crown case; the prisoner was undefended.

Chan Ying, Mr. Dyer Ball, related to the Court, was a widow with one child—a girl about 6 years old. The prisoner was a man whom she had known for about 15 months, having first met him in Canton shortly after her husband died. With Ip Kam Pui and the child she came to Hongkong in May of last year. The prisoner took them to a house in Third Street and there Chan Ying lived with him for about 10 days. Then funds got rather low and she had to pawn a good deal of her clothing. Eventually at the prisoner's suggestion she entered a house of ill fame. She steadily refused to accept the prisoner's suggestion that she should sell her daughter. On various occasions he obtained money from her and he constantly threatened to sell the child who had been left at Third Street in the care of another woman.

According to the complainant's story, proceeded Mr. Dyer Ball, the prisoner came to her on July 16, at the place in Water Street where she was living and demanded money. She refused to give him any and he left her saying that he was going to sell her daughter. At about 7 p.m., she learned that the child had actually been taken away and shortly afterwards the prisoner revisited her. There was a quarrel between them and the complainant said, Ip Kam Pui took a pair of scissors from his pocket and stabbed her in the eye. He then ran off and was observed by the mistress of the house, who had been aroused by the quarrelling, and an amah.

There was, counsel said, one remarkable thing about the case. No arrest was made immediately following the stabbing but next morning at about 7 o'clock Ip Kam Pui presented himself at the Central Police Station and told the Sergeant on duty that he had stabbed a woman the previous night with a pair of scissors. He was then arrested and, inquiries having been made, he was charged with having done grievous bodily harm to Chan Ying. At the preliminary hearing of the case at the Magistrate's bench a long statement the gist of which was that he was the woman's second husband and had married her after the death of her husband about six years ago. Her first husband left a legacy of unpaid debts and it was in order to pay them off that she entered a house of ill fame. Before he went to see Chan Ying on June 16 he had been told that she was going off to Siam and hearing that she would take the child with her, he took the girl away himself. The woman was annoyed when she heard of this and took a pair of scissors to stab him. In the subsequent struggle she was accidentally cut in the eye.

Evidence along the lines of counsel's opening was tendered by a number of witnesses including Dr. W. B. A. Moore, medical officer in charge of the Government Civil Hospital. She later stated that as a result of her injuries Chan Ying had to suffer the removal of her eye. She had, he said, been discharged from hospital that morning.

The statement made by the prisoner at the Magistrate's bench was read to the jury. In the course of it Ip Kam Pui explained that he gave himself up at the Police Station, because he had been told that Chan Ying must have another sweetheart who would be likely to "look for him." This morning he strenuously defended himself against the charge. He told the Court that on previous occasions whenever there was the slightest quarrel between them Chan Ying used to blow whistles. On this occasion, if he had stabbed her she would surely, he urged, have gone to the police station. He cited the fact that she did not do so as evidence that she was in the wrong.

Retiring for about a quarter of an hour the jury returned into Court with a verdict of not guilty and the judge told the prisoner that he was discharged. Ip Kam Pui, however, showed a strange reluctance to leave the dock and leaning over the rails he chattered into the interpreter's ear. "He says," the latter explained to His Honor, "that he doesn't want to go away as he wants an explanation from the complainant." The Court, however, did not feel that in a position to satisfy his desire and Ip Kam Pui was ushered out to seek his explanation through unofficial channels.

FUNERAL.

MRS. EMILY ARMSTRONG.

HONGKONG'S OLDEST RESIDENT.

The older residents of the Colony have learned with great regret of the death of Mrs. Emily Armstrong, who has lived in Hongkong continuously since 1856 except for occasional visits to the home land. Mrs. Armstrong was the oldest European resident in the Colony. Her parents were living here when she came out from England as long ago as 1856, at the age of fifteen, travelling in company with her elder sister on a sailing ship which took five and a half months to make the voyage via the Cape. Miss Caldwell, as she then was, married in the Colony Mr. John Martin Armstrong who predeceased her. Mr. Armstrong, who held the office of Government auctioneer, died in 1897. Mrs. Armstrong leaves a son, Mr. W. Armstrong (of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) and a daughter, Miss Ida Armstrong. She had lived with her daughter at Queen's Gardens for many years since her widowhood, and passed away peacefully, on Friday afternoon at the advanced age of 80.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. Armstrong was laid to rest in the same grave as her husband. Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong were the chief mourners. A large number of residents, including some of those of the longest standing, attended to show their respect for the deceased lady and sympathy with her relatives. Amongst them were: Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, Mrs. Blair, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Mr. G. E. Edkins, Mr. Alfred Humphreys, Mr. Owen Hughes, Mr. W. Nicholson, Mr. E. J. Chapman, Mr. D. Clark, Mr. A. E. Austin, Mr. J. Rodger, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. H. W. Kent, Mr. H. A. Lammet, Mr. W. A. Stopani, Mr. G. Robinson, Mr. A. E. Hardman, Mr. Harold Seth, Mr. E. M. Hazland, Mr. F. W. James, and many others.

The Acting Cathedral Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. Holman, was the officiating clergyman. There were a large number of wreaths, of which the following is the list:—

"From Will and Ida" (son and daughter), "From Eva and Flo" (sisters), "From Dora, Ronald and Joan" (Mrs. W. Armstrong and children), Mr. and Mrs. D. Clark, Sir Paul and Lady Chater, Mr. and Mrs. Aucott, Mrs. E. A. Bateman, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. E. J. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crook, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dunnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clifford Edgcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. A. E. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. George Grimbale, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hazland, and "Reta, Nina and Andrew" Hazland, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hickerson, Mrs. Miss and Mr. S. D. Hickie, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Humphreys and family, Capt. and Mrs. R. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. James, Dr. F. E. Kew, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Frank Lammet, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lammet, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lammet, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lammet, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leask, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mainland, Mrs. E. W. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Perkins, Mr. L. C. Parker, Rees, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodger and family, Mr. J. Rodger, Mr. H. W. Roper, Mrs. A. Seth, Mr. Harold Seth, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth, Mr. E. Grant Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Grant Smith, Mr. G. Morton Smith, Mr. H. Percy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, Mr. W. A. Stopani, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. J. Q. van Ufford, Mr. R. C. Valentine, Mrs. and Miss Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, also from Messrs. Chan San & Co., Kwang San & Co., and Messrs. Chan Mo Tong, Cheuk In Fung, Lam Hon-win, Lam Kwok-tsoi, Luk Hin-kau, Leung Si-po, Luk Kung-chung, Mok Ying-chau, Mok Koon-ang, Mok Hing-ang, Mok Hing-ang, Nam Tai Tam Yum-chuen, Woo Hay-tang and Yeung Hoy.

A similar charge was preferred against a Chinese named Fung Pang who appeared before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. E. J. Gompertz) to answer an allegation of having wounded a woman named Li Yee-mui.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman (Crown Prosecutor) appeared to prosecute. The accused, who denied the charge, was not defended by counsel.

The story told by the complainant, the inmate of a Chinese house of ill fame, was that, on May 11, between 9 and 10 p.m., she was standing on the veranda outside the premises when the prisoner and another Chinese came along and dragged her into the street. Fung Pang stabbed her with a triangular dagger and she fell down unconscious. The previous night, she explained, Fung Pang had asked her to join a certain club and she had refused on the ground that she had no money. The prisoner intimated that he had one witness to call who was not then present and the case was therefore adjourned to this afternoon.

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FRANCE'S NATIONAL FETE.

PARIS, July 15th.
Street dancing, fireworks and illuminations were as usual the features of the French national celebration, which this year was an especially brilliant affair testifying to the population's stout optimism and unshakable confidence in France's future.
The delicate attention paid by the British League to help war-stricken Regions by holding in London its first meeting on the day of the French fete is highly appreciated. The League, so far, has assisted 78 French villages to rise again from their ruins.
The Duke of Northumberland expressed the hope that the League's action might lead to a permanent alliance between France, Great Britain and Belgium.—Havas

ARMAMENTS CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, July 16th.
The American Government has conveyed to Japan its ideas on the scope of the disarmament and the Far Eastern conference, with a view to meeting Japan's wish to know the extent to which Far Eastern affairs will be discussed.

LONDON, July 16th.
Japan's reply to President Harding caused a temporary, unpleasant surprise in Washington, but it is believed that the matter can be satisfactorily explained and it is still thought that the conference will open on November 11th.

The New York World says that the good offices of Great Britain are relied upon to explain to Japan that her best interests cannot be served by isolation from the conference, in which the Great Powers wish to take steps to insure against a future disturbance of the peace of the world. Some critics are urging President Harding to divide the conference into three sections, dealing with naval armaments, land forces, and purely diplomatic questions relating to the Pacific and the Far East, thus practically ensuring naval disarmament.

LONDON, July 16th.
The Daily Mail's correspondent at the Hague says that the Government is keenly following the developments of President Harding's disarmament conference, which it is hoped Holland will be invited to attend, as the security of the Pacific problems will solve the vital question of the protection of the Dutch East Indies. Confidence is indicated in this view at the Amsterdam Bourse where the tone is firmer, especially in "Oils."

FUTURE OF CHINA.

LONDON, July 16th.
Mr. Anderson, presiding at the annual meeting of the China Association, said that the Republic of China has, so far, been a failure. The real difficulty was financial. If the immense accumulation of wealth in the country were organized, it would be a powerful stabilizing influence. If the bankers, traders and officials, who possessed capital, combined they might form a powerful coalition administration to build up a civil service, which would find employment for young and able Chinese. The decision of the Government to establish a silver mint at Shanghai was a hopeful sign.

Mr. Anderson welcomed the invitation to the Chinese financial group to participate in the Consortium as likely to have far-reaching consequences; possibly, eventually, laying the foundation of a strong administration.
Mr. Anderson concluded that Great Britain was an old friend of China and Japan. The British people were interested in the removal of the causes of Sino-Japanese friction, while supporting cordial Anglo-Japanese relations.

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The Secretary (Mr. A. J. King, F. C. I. S.) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

The Chairman, in the course of moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Last year I called your attention to the effect the favourable India and China exchanges had upon our profits. When we commenced our financial year on March 1, 1920, the sterling value of the rupee was 2s. 7½d., but when our busy season commenced in October we were only getting 1s. 6½d. The decline has continued unchecked, and the last rate we obtained in February this year was just over 1s. 3½d.

What I have said about the rupee exchanges also applies to the value of the China dollar; in fact, the only country where we have found anything like stability in exchange is the Federated Malay States, where silver practically no longer circulates.

The depression which last summer suddenly arrested the flow of trade which had been booming until then was felt in the East, as indeed, almost all over the world, and made it harder than ever for us to keep up our returns. In spite of this and the currency and all other difficulties, our sales have exceeded those of the previous year, which were then much the best on record, an achievement which is a tribute to the solidity of our business in the East.

Since our last meeting I have myself visited all the principal branches and a good number of the smaller ones, and have come back more assured than ever of the stability of our position, and more confident than ever of our future. Wherever our business is established, its reputation stands high.

The profit on trading, rents, etc., after making provision for commissions due, amounts to £266,579. This figure compares very favourably with any previous year, with the single exception of last year.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted, and the usual formal business transacted.

Owing to overtaxed accommodation only three out of 24 Chinese persons sent from Hongkong to Kerr's Refuge at Canton could be taken in. Kerr's Refuge for the Chinese is the only institution of its kind in Kwangtung and the Canton Times pleads for the establishment of institutions supported with definite appropriations from the provincial revenue as the most feasible way for the community to perform its obligation.

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THE RENTS BILL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir:- His Excellency the Governor, in bungling his facts as to the alleged capacity of some landlord, has stumbled into a much larger field, and the landlord petitions and counter petitions which the Rents Bill has brought forth, show to what extent the shortage of housing accommodation has become a burning question. The Rents Bill is, at best, only a palliative. It is designed to combat "rack-renting" but it does not increase the housing accommodation of the Colony. There is even the danger that the increase of Government control over private enterprise, which the measure involves, is more than likely to discourage the building of new houses.

The whole question of the housing shortage has still to be tackled. What is the Government doing to encourage private enterprise in the direction of house building? And why is there so great a shortage of houses? The rents are high, the demand is great, the profits must be very attractive, then why this shortage? It might be urged that the shortage of houses is a world-wide phenomenon, brought about by labour troubles and aggravated by the War. But surely these explanations cannot apply to Hongkong. In comparison with the conditions in Europe, we in Hongkong have no labour troubles. It is true that the cost of labour has advanced 30 or 40%, but so has the cost of living. There is no real shortage of labour. And it cannot be urged that during the War the Chinese labourers of Hongkong all laid down their tools to join the army.

So that the shortage of houses in Hongkong is a local problem due to purely local conditions and has little or nothing to do with the conditions of war-stricken countries.

Moreover the shortage of houses is no new problem to the Colony. There have been recurring periods when the disturbed state of the mainland has made the shortage more acute, but as a growing Colony we have always had a tendency to be short of houses, and it is therefore a matter of public concern that the Government does not take active measures to encourage private or public enterprise in house building. In a letter some days ago, I charged the unbusinesslike methods of one of the departments of the Government with being largely responsible for the disinclination of individuals to build.

If it is so profitable to own property in Hongkong and people of a business Colony like this are yet not eager to build, it is quite clear that there is no other explanation than that the conditions of acquiring land from the Government and of owning property are far too onerous and burdensome. And if this temporary measure which the Government is rushing through, urged by the popular clamour for relief, is going to divert people's attention from the real problem at issue, its passage into law should be viewed with the utmost misgiving.

I am, Dear Sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 B. A. HUSTLER.
 Hongkong, July 17, 1921.

One case of plague, Chinese, and one imported case of enteric fever, Indian, were notified on Saturday.

Twenty-one students of a certain school in Hoi Ping were taken away by bandits who raided the school and several wealthy residences, reports the Canton Times. Having learned that the troops of the city magistrate had been sent to villages in the interior to settle feuds still raging among the different villages, the bandits entered the city and ransacked several houses and the school without meeting any resistance. The bandits succeeded in making their escape with the captive students who are now being held for ransom.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A 1924 model with ribbon was stolen from the city-bus of J. W. Brown, an aborigine, on H. M. S. "Hobbs."

The Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., announced an interim dividend of one dollar per share.

A police raid on a house in Wellington Street led to the arrest of a Filipino and the seizure of a dagger and a kuyukle duster.

Seventeen men were arrested playing a gambling game known as pai kau in a Des Voeux Road house. Money and dominoes were seized by the police.

We have received with the Registrar's compliments a copy of the University of Hongkong Calendar for 1920-1921, replete as usual with interesting and useful information relating to the University.

While on duty at three o'clock this morning in Connaught Road Central an Indian constable is alleged to have broken into the European revenue officers' quarters at the Harbour Office and stolen from a trunk a pocket book containing bank notes.

THE KWANGS WAR.

PING NAM CAPTURED.

AN IMPORTANT CITY.

True to prediction, Ping Nam an important city west of Teng Yuen, is now in the hands of the Cantonese, the report of its capture having been confirmed by a telegram from military headquarters at the front, says the Canton Times.

Although the enemy troops offered a stubborn resistance, their fighting strength had been greatly weakened by the defeat at Teng Yuen and it did not cause the Cantonese troops much trouble to enter the city. Nearly 2,000 of the enemy troops have been captured and a large quantity of munitions and numerous rifles were captured.

With Teng Yuen and Ping Nam in the control of the Cantonese troops, the next Kwangsi city to be attacked will be Shumchow where the Kwangsi troops have been preparing a long time to check the advance of the victorious Cantonese troops.

Word has reached Canton that the Kwangsi generals in control of Shumchow have issued a telegram informing the Cantonese troops that they have declared the city independent of their warlord, Lu Yangting and will co-operate with the Cantonese to oust the warlord.

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Suspicious circumstances surround the death of a young woman found dead in Wing On Street, near Des Voeux Road Central at 3 o'clock this morning with a wound in her forehead. Murder is suspected, but at the present moment mystery surrounds the identity of the deceased and her murderer, also the crime itself.

THE WOLLOWRA S.S. CO.

A case which is arousing some interest in shipping circles in Shanghai and in Hongkong is the contention of the Wollowra Steamship Company, in which Messrs. A. R. Burkill and Sons and Moller and Company, members of the Chamber, are shareholders, that the Indemnity Ordinance which the Hongkong Government is understood to have under consideration indemnifying them against claims arising out of steps taken during the war, ought not to debar the Company from seeking to recover money alleged to be due to it in respect of the earnings of the steamship "Wollowra" requisitioned by the Hongkong Government in November, 1917. The case was laid before the Chamber in considerable detail during the past month, the view expressed by the Committee to the Hongkong Chamber being that if the facts as cited were correct the Company appeared to have grounds for complaint. Chamber of Commerce Journal.

SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

A League match was played between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on Saturday, July 16, which resulted in a win for the latter. Appended are the scores:-

NO. 1 RINK.
 K.C.C. K.B.G.C.
 W. T. Elson. J. N. R. Allen.
 V. C. Labrum. D. L. Keith.
 R. C. Hunter. W. P. Medley.
 A. G. Fife. W. Russell.
 (Skip).....11 (Skip).....27

NO. 2 RINK.
 H. E. Stevens. J. Barr.
 J. Hyde. J. C. Brown.
 J. Stalker. D. Harvey.
 J. McFurrie. S. Gray.
 (Skip).....17 (Skip).....18

NO. 3 RINK.
 W. R. Oswald. D. McKenzie.
 J. P. Robinson. P. T. Farrell.
 J. M. Jack. R. Hall.
 J. Gibson. R. Lapsley.
 (Skip).....30 (Skip).....25

BASEBALL.

SATURDAY'S GOOD GAME.

LOCAL AMERICANS DEFEAT "HART" PLAYERS.

Local baseball fans witnessed a good exhibition of the American national game at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon when the local American team defeated the "Hart" by a score of 14 to 5. There was a large attendance and the interest never flagged throughout. The star of the game was White, short stop for the local team, whose first fielding was a feature of the play. For the same side, Pace pitched a perfect game. The "Hart" team showed signs that its organization might have been better, but except for a few rough spots in the field, every man played well. The hard hitting of the local team was too much for the naval men.

An exciting game is promised for next Saturday when the local American team is due to play a Japanese team.

The box score follows:-

HONGKONG AMERICANS.									
		A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Lasher	.....	2b	4	1	1	0	1	0	0
White	.....	55	4	2	2	2	7	0	0
Appel	.....	3b	3	1	1	3	1	1	0
Scott	.....	c	3	1	1	8	4	0	0
Lake	.....	1b	4	2	1	7	0	0	0
Daugherty	.....	lf	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
Kock	.....	cf	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Potter	.....	rf	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
Pace	.....	p	3	0	1	0	2	1	0
Totals	.....		29	14	12	21	15	2	0
U.S.S. "HART."									
		A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Cornish	.....	3b	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
Delworth	.....	55	3	1	0	1	5	0	0
Dilliber	.....	2b	3	1	0	1	2	0	0
Bell	.....	1b	2	1	1	8	0	0	0
Smith	.....	lf	3	1	1	2	0	0	0
Niebler	.....	cf	3	1	1	3	0	0	0
Mollis	.....	p	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lane	.....	c	3	0	1	8	2	0	0
Aube	.....	F	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	...		27	5	7	21	14	3	0

U.S.S. "HART."

Don't neglect your family. WHEN you fail to provide your family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at this season of the year, you are neglecting them as towel complaint is sure to be prevalent, and it is too dangerous a malady to be trifled with. This is especially true if there are children in the family. A case or two of this remedy will place the trouble within control and perhaps save a life, or at least a doctor's bill. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

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INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
1853
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	£3,000,000
RESERVE FUND	£3,600,000

PROPERTY TAXES ————— \$3,000.00.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON.
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, February 23, 1921.

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
St. George's Building, Hongkong
Chairman of board of directors
Mr. Wong Shiu Ham.
Chief Manager.....Mr. L. S. Holm
Asst. Manager.....Mr. E. T. Wong

Hongkong Manager Mr. I. P. ALLEN
Foreign exchange and general banking
business transacted.
Current, Savings, and Fixed deposit
bear interests at rates of 1%, 4% and
per annum respectively.

Hongkong, October 2, 1930.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
(FRENCH BANK.)
HEAD OFFICE

15bis Rue La Fayette, Paris.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Frs. 72,000,000.00
PAID UP CAPITAL ... Frs. 68,470,000.00
RESERVE FUNDS ... Frs. 69,567,203.54

BRANCHES:

Bankok	Hongkong	Saigon
Canton	Mongtse	Shanghai

Calcutta	Noumex	Singapore
Djibouti	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Phom-Penh	Yunnanfu
Hanoi	Pondicherry	

BANKERS:

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National
 d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais,
 Banque de Paris.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England Ltd.
Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris;
redit Lyonnais.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

HONGKONG, NOV. 1, 1920.

 THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
 BANK, LTD.

 HEAD OFFICE:
 Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road
 General Post Office

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Current Accounts opened and deposits received at rates which may be determined on application.
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1930.

**BANK OF CANTON
LIMITED**

HEAD OFFICE
HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and
General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

2% per annum on the daily credit balances of over \$100.00.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months	3% per annum.
For 6 Months	4% per annum.
For 12 Months	5% per annum.
On demand	2% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 24, 1921.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE
BANK LTD.

EXPANDED 1880

PRINCIPAL (fully paid up)	Yes	100,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS	Yes	53,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

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 to be obtained on application.
 T. NISHIYAMA

Manager.
Hongkong, May 14, 1931

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